

Talk with ADE

Friday, September 24, 2004
Balsz Elementary District Board Room
10:00 a.m.

- ✓ Welcome by Joanne Phillips
- ✓ Update on 9/22-23/04 Transition Conference
 - 2004 attendance over
 - 2005 estimated attendance 1,200
- ✓ Parent Consent on Medicaid reimbursement (HIPPA v FERPA)
 - FERPA does not allow identification of students as SPED without parental consent
 - HIPPA does not allow identification of student who are AHCCCS eligible
 - Suggestion/discussion to add statement to IEP above parent signature stating child's name and date of birth will be released to Maximus for purposes of determining medical eligibility
 - Discussion of FERPA opinion from other states
 - Decision for ADE will obtain AG's opinion
 - Letters to be sent out when opinion is issued
 - Discussion on whether one agreement covers release of information as long as child is in the district
 - Consequence of violation – letter from FERPA; FERPA training
 - Discussion on change in relationship between districts and Maximus to consider Maximum as extension of district
 - Discussion of having parent consent to release on the Medicaid application upfront
 - Decision to have working lunch to put together questions to go to the AG's office
- ✓ Out-of-Level Assessment
 - A conference call was held with Washington on Friday, July 28 at 10:30 a.m. with 95% of the states participating
 - Rejection of SCD definition
 - Discussion on inclusion of LD students being included; can be corrected with change in verbiage
 - Do away with Groups 1 and 2
 - Alignment with valid academic achievement standards
 - USDOE requires three month approval process
 - Revision of AIMS/DPA using NAEP
 - Students will have accommodations/modifications
 - No limit on non-standard accommodations

✓ Open Discussion

- AYP and Graduation/Diplomas
 - ADE has requested an AG's opinion regarding the conflict between A.R.S. and State Board Rules; decision expected by the end of October
 - Same test used to meet dual requirements
 - Contact AZ legislators to express concerns
 - Test can be retaken with non-standard accommodations at 11th & 12th Grade levels
 - Only 10th Grade testing scores are used for determining AYP
 - Discussion on IEP teams setting requirements for graduation; if child meets requirements, they should be issued a diploma
 - Mandatory reporting of dropout/graduation rates
 - Announced that a Diploma Committee has been formed and the first meeting has been scheduled for Oct. 13th
 - Districts advised to follow current Board Rules for right now
- 14 districts have not returned ASAT Form 1-Alternate Assessment Eligibility Criteria for State Assessment and will be contacted by Lynn Busenbark; feedback will be provided by ADE
- Change in Autism definition to ASD so that it is DD eligible
 - Who can make a DD eligible diagnosis
 - How are out-of-country evaluations used to meet DD eligibility
- Surrogate Parents
 - Contact Mary Mitchell (602-364-4023) to arrange training
 - How are surrogate parents handled by BIA
 - Foster parents are not employees of the state and can serve as surrogates

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.